(c) whether Government are thinking of its mass production so that the same can be sold to other countries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) With its second launch on 17th January 2001, Agni-II missile has reached the stage of operationalisation and induction. Limited series production of the missile has already commenced and its induction has been planned during 2001-2002.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Export of such missiles is not contemplated, being a strategic weapon.

Production of longer range missiles under Agni Project

1256. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed for the production of longer range missiles under the Agni Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the capabilities of Agni series of missiles as compared to those missiles which are in possession of Pakistan and China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Limited Series

Production of Agni-II has started. Its induction is planned during 2001-2002.

(c) The range and performance of Agni series of missiles are based on our threat perception and security requirements.

CVC report on defence deals

1257. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI R. P. GOENKA:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has submitted a report to his Ministry on middlemen who are responsible to swung defence deals for foreign multi-nationals;

(b) if so, the broad features of the report and the action taken/ proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether CVC charged various high officials of his Ministry and Army establishments in its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for not laying the report in Parliament so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The Central Vigilance Commission has submitted its Final Report on its investigation into Defence deals on 31.3.2001.

(b) to (e) The Report is being examined.